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Seepolizei Craft

1. Four coastal protection boats of the NIXE and FALKE class are under construction. They are of approximately 900 GRT and have 2 x 1000 HP Buckau-Wolf Diesel engines. Their fuel capacity is sufficient for twelve days at an average speed of 15 knots.
2. The keel has been laid for a new coastal protection boat of the DRACHE class (1500 GRT, speed 14 knots).
3. Cutters of the HABICHT class with 3 x Junkers Jumo 205 engines have been built during the past two years at Berlin-Koepenick and Wolgast. Their construction has now been suspended. Instead, the TUEMMLE class is to go into production (500 GRT, 2 x 400 HP engines).

Ships under repair

4. The MOZHAISKI has not yet been handed over and is still in Wismar. The SOVETSKI SOYUZ will not be handed over before May 1954. A number of acts of sabotage have been carried out in this ship, such as opening the sea-cocks, cutting cables, etc. As a result, thirteen arrests have been made.
5. The winch cables employed for hauling up the U-Boat type 7C at the Stralsund slipway recently broke. Although the U-Boat was undamaged, production chief Gellert was arrested.
6. The YURI DOLGORUKI is scheduled to be 65% completed by the end of 1954.

New Construction (Warnemuende)

7. New ships under construction include 1 motor ship, Type IV, approximately 10,000 tons dead weight, 2 ore colliers approximately 8,000 tons dead weight, and 12 river passenger boats. Radar is envisaged for all these vessels but will not be installed until they reach the Soviet Union.

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8. Warnemuende has been a prohibited area since the end of November.

Organizational Developments

9. The Ministry of Machine Construction, under Heinrich Rau, is to be reformed with four main administrations (Schwermaschinenbau, Allgemeiner Maschinenbau, Elektrotechnik, Transportmittel und Landmaschinenbau). An operational section (Operative Gruppe) is to be formed from these main departments and will be located in Rostock after the beginning of 1954. Work on government orders (Regierungsauftraege) will be intensified after April 1954.
10. A department known as "Abteilung T" has been set up which is directly subordinate to Minister-President Otto Grotewohl. The function of the department is to allocate defense tasks, including those involving the Seepolizei, intended for the Ministry of Machine Construction. The head of the department is a certain Oberst Finck (fnu). He is responsible for the construction of Seepolizei craft.

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